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To: State Directors  
  
From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation  
  
Subject: National Aviation Plan

**Program Area:** Aviation Management

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits and documents the interim *National Aviation Plan for 2003*. This plan fulfills the Departmental manual requirements outlined in 350 DM1, Appendix 3. **This Plan sets the standards that will be policy during 2003.**

**Policy/Action:** This Plan has been developed to provide standardization and policy for all Bureau Aviation Programs. While this document is Bureau specific, it does incorporate interagency standards. This Plan supplements the Bureau Manual 9400 sections.

**Time Frame:** This IM is effective upon receipt.

**Budget Impact:** This plan does not impact budget elements.

**Background:** The *National Aviation Office* has identified the need for a cohesive Aviation Management Plan that will allow all State, Field Offices and Aviation users to easily acquire the necessary information and policy to operate a Bureau Aviation program.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** This National Aviation Plan supplements the BLM Manual 9400, Aviation Management. The BLM Manual 9400 will be revised to reflect this Plan as a reference.

**Coordination:** WO, State Offices, and outside agencies were contacted for input. This document was coordinated with all participating State Aviation Management Offices.

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